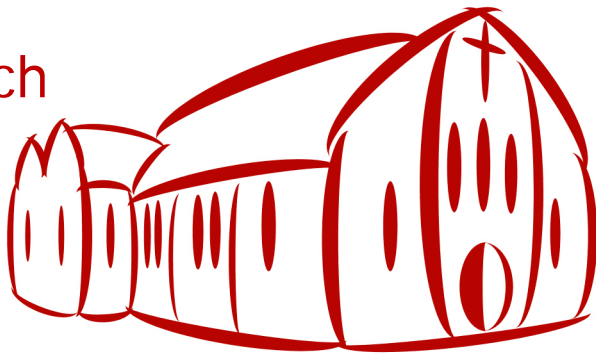


Zetland Park Methodist Church

Newsletter
April 2015



Worship

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| 29 th March | 10:45 am | Thelma Hobday |
| <i>Palm</i> | 6:30 pm | Circuit Service <i>At Danby</i> |
| 2 nd April | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Communion <i>at Newcomen</i> |
| 3 rd April | 10:00 am | Passion Story |
| | 10:45 am | Act of Witness <i>at Marske Square</i> |
| | 12:30 pm | Hour at the Cross <i>at Marske</i> |
| 5 th April | 8:30 am | Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion <i>at Newcomen</i> |
| <i>Easter</i> | 10:45 am | Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion |
| | 6:00 pm | Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion <i>at Marske</i> |
| 12 th April | 10:45 am | Pat Clarke |
| | 6:00 pm | Pam Stenson <i>at Marske</i> |
| 19 th April | 10:45 am | Revd. Ken Harris |
| | 6:00 pm | Trevor Hume <i>at Newcomen</i> |
| 26 th April | 10:45 am | Jason Griffiths |
| | 6:00 pm | Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion |
| 3 rd May | 10:45 am | Revd. Arthur Harbottle : General Church mtg |
| | 6:00 pm | Revd. Alan Coates |

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

A Lent Course

COMPASS - a new course by the Methodist Church which allows an opportunity to explore what we believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and much more. It is similar to but different from Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored etc.

This will run weekly throughout Lent at 10 am on Mondays in the Clarkson Room at Newcomen Methodist Church and probably for a couple of weeks beyond.

ALL are WELCOME.

Any questions? Just ask Arthur Harbottle!

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An Evening of Popular Classics

Presented by Eva Sykes (*contralto*)
With Joanne Mc Collarth and
Barbara Heatley (*sopranos*)
Sarah Nelson (*contralto*)
Accompanied by Barry Cope *on piano*

Wednesday 22nd April 2015
7.30 p.m.

With Light Refreshments

Circuit Monthly Prayer Meetings

11th April
10 am - 12 noon at
Zetland Park followed by
soup lunch

2nd May 8:30 - 9:30 am at
Lealholm

Community Lunch Club
Eats midday Tuesday

Fellowship
Meets 7:30pm every
Wednesday

April 8 : Cath and Tony
Lynn - Slides on Saltburn
April 22 : Concert

April 1, 15, 29 speaker to
be confirmed

Prayer and Meditation
10:00am Friday 24th
April

Letter from Arthur

Ever since hearing my mother speak of the experience of witnessing a total solar eclipse when she was 5 years old I have wanted to share that same experience, so far without a realistic opportunity presenting itself. For Mum it was clearly a dramatic experience and despite her young age the intensity of the memory never left her - she was transformed by it! Alas, the one which took place this month (March), which saw totality as near as the Faroe Isles, did not come to my attention until after all the affordable trips there had already long been booked up! To have been "so near and yet so far" from fulfilling a life-time ambition leaves one feeling as gutted as I was about failing to find the time to complete my MA two years ago. Alas opportunities come and go ... passing you by if you don't grab them with both hands. Since the next total solar eclipse in Europe is not until 2026, a couple of years after I have retired, we shall have to wait to see if health and opportunity hold up!

Two points from this silly story from my life:

1) At Easter we celebrate again the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Reading the Bible accounts leaves you in no doubt about the life-transforming experience upon those disciples who witnessed it. Yes, doubt to begin with but then transformed into confident and strong witnesses of what humanly seemed impossible. Their confidence was infectious and their energy and joy unquenchable. It was the driving force behind the incredible growth and expansion of the early church. Some Christians today are like that - but many have some doubts or questions which perhaps stop them from knowing that transformation, that confidence, that inner joy. If you are one of these, don't worry, just keep walking in faith and trust and one day you will find that same life-transforming event has happened. Even for the Wesley brothers it took years and years of faithful (even if not very fulfilling) ministry before their 'Aldersgate experience'

transformed them. Be inspired by the transformational experience resurrection faith has on others but keep seeking it until you experience it yourself - or even experience it again!

2) Never miss an opportunity that God lays in your path to experience him, and life, more deeply. Too often in church our doing - oh, yes, I know there is always so much to be done - our doing gets in the way of our being! Go on retreat, read a good Christian book, go to hear a celebrated preacher, take time to talk with other Christians about your shared faith - and yes - your doubts, too! And above all take time to talk and listen to God. Also remember that life, family, your friends, your relaxation, your skills - everything which makes you you - are gifts from God to be used and enjoyed to the full! Don't make the same mistake too many Ministers do - of neglecting yourself! My piano and organ playing skills are now on their knees just because over so many years I haven't taken time to enjoy playing, which is tragic really, but probably now beyond repair! As was said, "Rome wasn't built in a day", nor will be the kingdom of God. It is a process of happening, of people discovering and growing, of the church serving and witnessing! Resurrection faith is about how we live, not just about what we do!

May the joy of the risen Christ be known to you.

Arthur

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CHRISTIAN AID 2015

It's coming up to that time of year again when I start to encourage (sounds better than nag!) everyone to get involved in raising money for and awareness of Christian Aid and the work it does.

Although it is hard work door to door and envelope collections do raise a lot of money and are a great witness of faith. If you are not comfortable with collecting envelopes it is a great help if you can post them or take some for family and friends who because we can't cover everywhere may not get an envelope through the door. If you are able to help in any way, please contact me

The other fund raiser is going to be a "How many different things can you get in a sandwich bag?" challenge! If you want to get people to sponsor you then even better.

Rules are simple

- Ø No creatures/insects (alive or dead)
- Ø Nothing sharp
- Ø Only one of each item
- Ø Items to be listed on the form
- Ø Bag must be able to be closed

Prizes for the most sponsorship money (though you can just do the challenge), the most items and the most interesting/weirdest item (as decided by me!!). Entry is free for under 18s and 50 pence for adults

Thank you in anticipation,

Sandie

Deepening Discipleship and Faith

The following event is arranged by the circuit leadership team to encourage growth and development in our discipleship and is open to all.

Walk Through the New Testament

Saturday 17th October

9:30am to 4:30pm

At Zetland Park Methodist Church

Church Council

Tuesday 31st March 7pm

General Church Meeting

Sunday 3rd May

New stewards are needed.

Watch out for the steward nomination papers in the Foyer.

Circuit outing to the Keswick Convention

A coach will be leaving for the Keswick Convention on Friday July 17th picking up at Guisborough, Saltburn, Marske and Redcar starting at 7 am, to arrive in time for the 11:15 session. The speaker will be John Risbridger

There will be time in Keswick after, for lunch and a wander round, leaving at 4.30 pm. The cost if the coach is full will be £15.

Please ring (in the first instance) Ann Woodhouse 01642 473735 with name(s) and pick up point. A deposit of £5 non-returnable will be required to confirm booking.

If anyone is interested in going on this trip there are only seven seats remaining; so do book now with Ann.

After the morning service on 26th April there will be drinks and cakes so that we can say **farewell to Mike and Janet Clark** who will shortly be leaving us.

Charity Concert

**In aid of Church Funds and
The Parkinson's disease Society**

Presented by Fran Edwards

With The Luff Trio
Gwyn, Shelagh and Joan
Playing a selection of
traditional tunes

And Colin and Fran Edwards with
David Rae
Performing contemporary folk songs

**Saturday 25nd April 2015
7.30 p.m.**

with Light Refreshments
Tickets £5 from Jackie Rae or Fran Edwards

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Church**

Future Events		
Saturday 11th April	10 am	Circuit Prayer Meeting and Soup Lunch
Wednesday 22nd April	7:30 pm	Fellowship Concert with Barry Cope and Friends
Saturday 25th April	7:30 pm	Charity Concert aid of church funds and the Parkinson's Disease Society
Friday 1 st May	12:30 pm	May day Lunch. £7.40
Saturday 4 th July	4-6 pm	Musical afternoon tea with Barry at the Piano. Independence Day theme.
Friday 17 th July		Circuit trip to the Keswick Convention
Saturday 5 th September		Coffee morning for the Smiles Foundation
Monday 28 th September	6 pm	September Harvest Soup and Sweet Supper
Saturday 17 th October	9.30 am-4.30 pm	Walk Through The New Testament
Friday 30 th October	7 pm	Chapel Anniversary Marske Fishermen's Choir
5 th December		Christmas Coffee Morning with cake stall
9 th December		Marske Silver Band Christmas Concert

Power Praise

at Marske Methodist Church

An hour of worship in mainly contemporary song in a café style setting.

Second Tuesday of each month. 10th March, 14th April.

Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter
by 26th April

Either on Sunday or by email to:

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Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let the editor know.

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